

SHRI A. RAJA: It is not under the Central service. The question of Central service does not arise.

MR. CHAIRMAN: There is a Central service also. He is talking of the Andamans and all that.

SHRI A. RAJA: There is no such service under the Central Ministry.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The CGHS is there.

SHRI A. RAJA: The CGHS is only in the urban areas.

DR. KARAN SINGH: Mr. Minister, you please check your facts before you talk about there not being a service. There is the Central Government Health Service. There are doctors in various Union Territories around the country, in Chandigarh, in the Andamans, the Lakshdweep, etc. You please recheck your facts and answer. Otherwise, you will get into trouble.

SHRI A. RAJA: Sir, so far as the CGHS is concerned, we have not comes across any such thing. In the case of Primary Health Centres, which is being governed by the State Governments, these are the problems. We will look into it.

Construction of permanent buildings of 'NEIGRP Shillong

*522. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTUDU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether construction of permanent buildings of the North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences, Shillong have been started on the permanent site; and

(b) if not, the reasons for delay and the anticipated date from which construction will start?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) and (b) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) Construction activities of permanent buildings of the North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and

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Medical Sciences at the permanent site at Mawdiangdiang, Shillong, have already been started. The Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation (India) Ltd., a public sector undertaking under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has been given the project management work. An Action Plan was drawn up to be implemented in a phased manner. The 422.60 crores rupee project is expected to be completed by May, 2005. Once completed, NEIGRIHMS will have a 500 bedded hospital with 35 teaching departments at postgraduate level. This will provide highly skilled medical manpower and medicare to the people of the North Eastern Region.

SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDO: Sir, the Minister in his reply stated that construction activities of permanent buildings have already been started. But I would like to say that the foundation-stone for this particular institution was laid in 1986 by the then Prime Minister. Again, this project was included in the Prime Minister's packages, from time to time, since March, 1997. Before I left Shillong to attend the Budget Session, I was there at the site. But I did not see any sign of actual construction having started there. Therefore, I would like to know from the hon. Minister as to when the construction was actually started. Please give the exact date. How much fund was sanctioned for this purpose during the current financial year?

The second part of my question is this. I would like to put them together. How many contractors are selected for this purpose? I would also like to know whether any local contractors were selected and whether non-lapable fund will be utilised for this purpose to complete the construction speedily.

SHRI A. RAJA: Sir, as the hon. Member has mentioned, the scheme was launched as early as in 1980, after the Cabinet approval was got for Rs. 71.18 crores. In 1996, the State Government was not able to identify the land under the Land Acquisition Act. Since there was no allotment of land by the State Government up to 1996, the delay was not caused by the Central Government. In 1996, the project cost was reviewed, after a lapse of ten years. A committee was duly constituted, under the Chairmanship of the Additional Director of Health Services, Mr. Sharma, who recommended carrying

out the project in two phases by waiving the cost and time overrun. Meanwhile, an interim facility has been started in 1998, with a Central Assistance of Rs. 11.22 crores. Out of this 11.22 crores, I think a hospital is being run by the Government and it is useful to the people.

So far as the construction of the hospital is concerned, the tender has been floated. It is in the process. The first delay was caused in getting the clearance of the Forest Department for cutting the trees in the site that was identified by the State Government. It took almost two years to get the clearance of the Forest Department. It was only in November, 2000 the final clearance was given by the Forest Department. Apart from that, we are facing one more crisis with regard to the project. That is the cement problem. We entrusted the contract to a company. The Khasi Students Union of the area demanded that the cement produced locally should be used by the contractor. The contractor refused to do so because the cement that is being produced locally is not up to the mark. After the agitation, the Ministry and the Hospital Consultancy Corporation which is a public sector undertaking and which is looking after the construction work, agreed to take samples of the cement produced locally. The cement was sent to the IIT which was tested by the Research Wing of the IIT. Ultimately they negated the samples and said that this cement could not be used for this project. After disclosure of all these things, scientifically and politically, the students' union and some other organisations in the locality are not permitting the contractor to carry out the work. So, we have convened a conciliation meeting. It is being held twice or thrice. These issues are being discussed. We are hopeful that once these issues are settled in a couple of months, we will proceed further. The delay is being caused not by the Ministry or by the Central Government, but because of some problems in the local area.

SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTUDU: Sir, the Minister himself has stated that the construction activity has started. Sir, it is not a fact that the cement produced locally is of sub-standard quality. In fact, the cement produced locally, the Mawmluh-cheria cement, is one of

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the best cements produced in the country. This cement is also being exported for use by foreign agencies and Japanese contractors in Bangladesh for construction work. In a reply, the Minister has stated that the construction work has started. Now the Minister has narrated the problems which are not allowing the construction work to start. That is why I want to know the exact date on which the construction work started there.

SHRI A. RAJA: Sir, construction work includes excavation of the earth. That has started in principle. But getting the cement is a problem.

MISS MABEL REBELLO: Sir, the Minister has stated in his reply that the construction work has started. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI A. RAJA: Sir, the contractor is continuously being prevented from starting the work by the local students' associations. The hon. Member is well aware that there is nothing to hide. The Ministry has held a meeting with the student's associations and the IIT officials. We told them that the IIT has negated the samples. (*Interruptions*).

MISS MABEL REBELLO: The Minister has stated in his reply that the work has already started. Is it not a contradiction? (*In terrup tions*).

SHRI A. RAJA: Sir, the excavation work has already started. (*Interruptions*).

MR. CHAIRMAN: The work has started but not triggered.

MISS MABEL REBELLO: Sir, the whole project is supposed to cost Rs. 422.6 crores. I would like to know from the hon. Minister as to how much money has been allocated for this project. I was told that Rs. 40 crores have been allocated. Sir, they got the land in 1996. From 1996 to 2001 they have not done anything. This year they have allocated only Rs. 40 crores. The Minister has stated in his reply that this project would be completed by the year 2005. Sir, when there is no allocation for years together, how does the Minister propose to complete the work? They are still trying to settle the problems. Will they ever be able to start the work? He is saying that by 2005 they

will complete the work. Sir, there is no money. There is no will. The State Government and the Central Government are deliberately adopting this attitude because this is a Tribal State!

SHRI A. RAJA: Sir, the Government is fully committed to complete the work. There is no deviation. There is no departure. Sir, in the year 2000-2001, Rs. 15 crores were allocated to start the work. In the year 2001-2002, Rs. 29 crores were allocated. Sir, it has been assured that all the work will be completed by 2005. (*Interruptions*). Sir, in my reply I have stated that the project is expected to be completed by May 2005.

Still, we are sure that before May, 2005, it will be completed, of course, provided there are no hurdles in the construction work. I invite the hon. Members of that area to cooperate with us and sort out the issues that are there.

केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग में हिन्दी का प्रयोग

523. **श्री बालकवि बैरागी:** क्या शहरी विकास और गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग में हिन्दी में किए जा रहे कार्य के आकलन के लिए विभाग की डिवीजनों, सर्किलों एवं उप-डिवीजनों में निर्माण महानिदेशालय द्वारा निरीक्षण किए जाते हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो वर्ष 2000 तथा 2001 में अब तक किस-किस तारीख को निरीक्षण किए गए और ये निरीक्षण किन-किन कार्यालय में किए गए;

(ग) क्या निरीक्षण रिपोर्ट भेजी गई है;

(घ) क्या अनुपालन रिपोर्ट प्राप्त हो गई है;

(ङ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

शहरी विकास और गरीबी उपशमन मंत्री (श्री जगमोहन): (क) से (ङ) एक विवरण सभा पटल पर रखा है।

विवरण

(क) जी हां।

(ख) ब्यौरे विवरण में हैं (नीचे देखिए)।